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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATE ON THE INITIAL DESIGNATION OF ZTE CORPORATION AS A COVERED COMPANY IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY SUPPLY CHAIN PROCEEDING

PS Docket No. 19-352

Comment Date: February 3, 2020

By this Public Notice, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) announces that comments in response to the initial designation of ZTE Corporation, its parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries (ZTE) as a covered company in the *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs Report and Order* are due on February 3, 2020.¹

In the *Report and Order*, the Commission adopted a rule that prohibits the use of support from the Commission's Universal Service Fund (USF) to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, modify, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by any company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.² In doing so, the Commission initially designated ZTE as a covered company and directed the Bureau to implement the next steps in the final designation process.³

Interested parties may file comments responding to the initial designation of ZTE as a covered company.⁴ Comments are due 30 days after publication of the *Report and Order* in the Federal Register.⁵ As the Federal Register published a summary of the *Report and Order* on January 3, 2020, comments will be due on February 3, 2020.⁶ Complete filing instructions are provided in the *Report and Order* and the Federal Register.

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¹ See *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs et al.*, WC Docket No. 18-89, PS Docket Nos. 19-351 and 19-352, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, FCC 19-121 (Nov. 26, 2019), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-121A1.pdf> (*Report and Order*).

² 47 CFR § 54.9(a).

³ See *Report and Order* at 25-27, paras. 59-65.

⁴ See *id.* at 27, para. 65.

⁵ See *id.*

⁶ See Federal Communications Commission, *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs; Huawei Designation; ZTE Designation*, 85 Fed. Reg. 230 (Jan. 3, 2020).